



Ampney Crucis C of E Primary School
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Newsletter 10: Spring Term 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Unfortunately, I start our last newsletter of the half term on a reflective and sad note.

Just over two weeks ago, the Head teacher of Kempford C of E Primary School and recently appointed Executive Head teacher of Nailsworth Primary, Richard Mendum, died suddenly while out on a bike ride. This has come as a great shock to all the local schools as we work in partnership with each other. Our thoughts and Prayers are with the staff, children, and families of Kempford and Nailsworth at this difficult time.

The community of Meysey Hampton is also in our thoughts as they recently held the funeral for George, who attended the school and died in his sleep just before Christmas.

Both these events make you realise how life can change in a blink of an eye.

“Creativity is God’s Gift to us. Using or creativity is our Gift back to God.”

We have certainly as a school shown our **creativity** in many areas this half term.

All the classes enjoyed a cricket session on Friday with Alex from Gloucestershire Cricket, and we definitely have some younger children who are budding cricketers.

The District Cross Country Qualifiers were held last Wednesday afternoon at Far Peak. Congratulations to Sophia, Viv, Edward, Guy, Hugo and Gabriel who took part and ran exceptionally well. Edward, Gabriel, and Hugo all qualified through to the next round. Great work boys!

Well done to all our Year 5/6 swimmers who took part in the small schools swimming gala on Monday. A special mention to Edward, Amelia and the Year 5 Relay Team.

The members of our dance club performed at Cheltenham Town Hall on Monday night in front of a large audience. For majority of the children, it was the first time they had ever performed on a stage. They did amazingly well, and I was extremely proud.

All the classes have thoroughly enjoyed this week, learning all the songs and actions to go with them for our **isingPop concert on 2nd March**. I hope you have been having a sneak preview at home!

What a half term it has been!

World Book Day

Some children in Chestnut have expressed some disappointment that we were not dressing up for this day. We as a school want to focus on the reading aspect of World Book Day rather than the costumes part and this together with not wanting to put extra pressure on our families to have to buy a new costume just for the day, was the reason behind it. However, we always listen to our children, and we have agreed a compromise that on the **Friday 3rd March**, the children can come into school dressed in whatever makes them happy! This can be a costume, school uniform or any other clothing they wish.

Notices

When dropping off or picking up children at the end of the day please consider anyone who would be passing your car as well the impact on the environment and SWITCH OFF your engines.

Also, we have more and more parents dropping off right outside school and then blocking the road, please consider parking and walking your child to the front of school.

If the gates and front door are closed, please accompany your child to the front door so you can sign them in.

Next Half Term

Day	Time	Event
Monday 27th February		Return to School
Tuesday 28th February		Photographs in school; individuals, siblings and classes.
Tuesday 28th February		Country Competition for Year 3,4,5 and 6 children at Deer Park
Thursday 2nd March	All Day	World Book Day – a separate letter has come home
Thursday 2nd March	2:00 5:45	iSingPop Concert for all children in the Church. All children to attend and parents can come to either time. Letter to be sent with details.
Friday 3rd March	All Day	Dress in whatever makes you happy!
Tuesday 7th March		Country Competition for Year 3,4,5 and 6 children at Kingshill
Wednesday 8th March		Oak trip to London
Monday 13th March and Wednesday 15th March	3:30 onwards	Parents Evenings in School, letters will be sent out after half term.
Tuesday 14th March	3:30 onwards	Netball match against Down Ampney (away) letters will be sent out to children after half term.
Friday 17th March	All day	Dress Down day for the whole school. Please bring in a bar of/box of chocolates or an Easter egg for the Chocolate Bingo event. (This is instead of Red Nose Day.)
Friday 17th March	8:30 onwards	Mother' Day Breakfast (booking form has already been sent out.)
Tuesday 21st March	3:30	Bee Netball Competition at Kingshill (letters to be sent out)
Friday 24th March		Chestnut Class Trip to Lyme Regis
Wednesday 29th March	9:30 6:00	Whole School Easter Service Easter Chocolate Bingo Night
Thursday 30th March		Last Day of term – finish normal time due to PE lessons
Friday 31st March		INSET DAY

Have a great week and a lovely half term break.

Mrs Wood